

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10, 1890.

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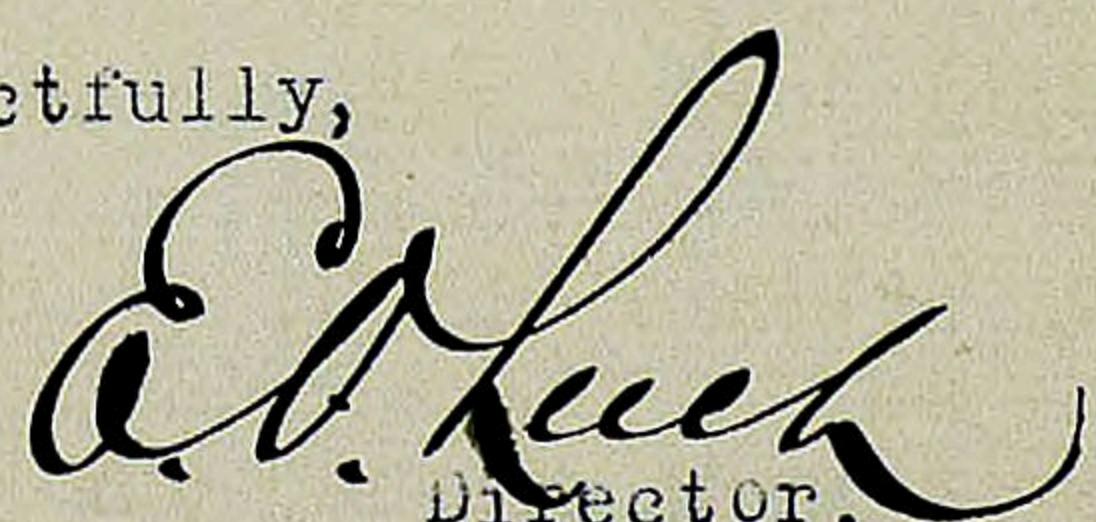
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